During the month that this exhibition was open to the public, hundreds of area residents visited the gallery, including groups from area high schools. On March 11, between 9 and 11 A.M., the graphic arts class of Frank Krantz at Lakeland Senior High School visited the exhibition; on that same day, between 1 and 3 P.M., the graphic arts class of Charles Scavo at Carbondale Area Junior-Senior High School visited the show. During both of these school visits to the exhibition, Donald W. Powell, a professor of art history in Widener University and a member of the Historical Society, delivered an illustrated lecture in which he outlined the history of studio photography in Carbondale and in northeastern Pennsylvania. Professor Powell showed the students examples of, and explained the differences among, the following kinds of photographs: daguerreotype, ambrotype, tintype, carte-de-visite photograph, and cabinet photograph. During each of these school visits, Robert J. Tomaine and S. Robert Powell spoke to the groups on the aesthetic appreciation of photographs, using the photographs on exhibit in Room 301 to underline the points made.

At the conclusion of the opening day ceremonies on February 20, S. Robert Powell spoke briefly on the history of Carbondale art exhibitions. He spoke, in particular, of the "Carbondale Loan Exhibition" that was held in Carbondale City Hall in February 1879 and of the "Loan Exhibit in Connection with the Semi-Centennial of the Incorporation of the City of Carbondale" on September 2-4, 1901. Powell then stated that Room 301 Carbondale City Hall will be used year round as an exhibition space for art shows and exhibitions. Following "An Exhibition of Photographs from The Metro's 2nd Annual Photo Contest," a show of Carbondale paintings, photographs and drawings will open in Room 301 Carbondale City Hall. Individuals and organizations who have paintings, photographs and drawings that they would like to lend or donate to the Historical Society for this exhibition are asked to get in touch with S. Robert Powell at 282-5197.

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